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SUBJ: NUCLEAR FUEL SUPPLY FOR MEXICAN POWER REACTOR

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1. AS INDICATED REF A, AEC PREPARING DRAFT LANGUAGE
FOR PROPOSED ONG-TERM SUPPLY CONTRACT FOR MEXICAN REACTOR
PROJECT, SUBJECT COMPLETION OTHER STEPS REFERRED TO REFTTEL,
AND FOLLOWING INFO NEEDED:

A. CONFIRM THAT INITIAL DELIVERY OF ENRICHED
URANIUM (FOB USAEC FACILITY) FOR FIRST
CORE WILL BE NEEDED BETWEEN JUNE AND SEPTEMBER
1976 AS STATED IN EKLUND TO PORTER LETTER
DATED SEPTEMBER 13, 1973, PER REF B). (WE
BELIEVE EARLIER INFO INDICATED INITIAL DELIVERY
MIGHT BE NEEDED IN MID-1977).

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B. ADVISE WHETHER GOM HAS OFFICIALLY AUTHORIZED

CONSTRUCTION OF THE LAGUNA VERDE REACTOR FACILITY, AND, IF NOT, WHEN IT EXPECTS TO DO SO. DUE TO VARYING PROCEDURES AND DEFINITIONS USED BY DIFFERENT COUNTRIES IN ISSUING CONSTRUCTION AND OTHER PERMITS FOR REACTOR PROJECTS, WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL HAVE DEFINITION OF GOM REACTOR CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND ITS RELATION TO ANY OTHER GOM PERMITS REQUIRED FOR LAGUNA VERDE PROJECT. TIMING OF CONSTRUCTION AUTHORIZATION ISSUED BY GOM WILL HAVE BEARING ON SOME PROVISIONS OF PROPOSED LONG-TERM FIXED COMMITMENT CONTRACT, I.E., IN EVENT INITIAL DELIVERY OF MATERIAL REQUIRED LESS THAN FOUR YEARS FROM DATE OF SUPPLY CONTRACT EXECUTION, OR IF CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FOR REACTOR FACILITY ALREADY ISSUED AT TIME OF CONTRACT EXECUTION, IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR PARTIES AGREE ON FIRM DELIVERIES UNDER CONTRACT FOR INITIAL PERIOD OF TEN FISCAL YEARS.

2. DUE TO COMPLEXITY LONG-TERM ENRICHMENT SERVICES CONTRACTS, WE CONTEMPLATE PREPARING DRAFT CONTRACT BETWEEN US AND IAEA, WITH MEXICO ACTING ON BEHALF OF AGENCY, INSTEAD OF USUAL TRILATERAL SUPPLY CONTRACT USED IN SIMPLER CASES INVOLVING SUPPLY OF RESEARCH REACTOR FUEL. ALTHOUGH AGENCY WOULD BE PARTY TO CONTRACT, GOM WOULD HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONTRACT PERFORMANCE ON BEHALF AGENCY. ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE CONTRACT BETWEEN US AND AGENCY, WITH AGENCY AND MEXICO RESPONSIBLE FOR ARRANGING THEIR MUTUAL RESPONSIBILITIES INDEPENDENTLY OF U.S. RUSH

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